

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Todd J. Mortier et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application No.: 09/981,790	)	Examiner: Willse, D. H.
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Filed: October 19, 2001	)	
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For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM	)	Confirmation No.: 6743
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE	)	
AND METHOD	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on September 15, 2010, the period for response having been extended to January 15, 2011, by a Petition for Extension of Time -- One Month -- and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) also filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.